

Egremont Planning Board Minutes

January 6, 2020

Call to Order: 10:06 a.m.

Present via Zoom: Jared Kelly, Eddie Regendahl, Nick Keene, Matthew Bersani, Donna B. Gordon

Citizens in Attendance: Marj Wexler, Eileen Vining, Mary McGurn, Lori Robbins, Peter Barrett

Form A's: None

Mail: - Wolters Kluwer, Publisher of "Land Use Treatise" sent notice to continue yearly subscription. The Board agreed to postpone renewing subscription.

- Town of GB, notice of decision on Special Permit approval to the Huggins of Pearl Street, Great Barrington, to alter a nonconforming single family home by building an addition.

Minutes: The review of the December 22, 2020, minutes were postponed.

Citizens Time: None

Update and discussion on Sky Farm subdivision and modification: Lori Robbins, has not yet heard back from Steve Mack, Engineer, and the Board has not heard back from Town Counsel. The Board will continue to wait on additional information to move the issue forward.

New Business/Future Agenda Items: None

Review and discussion of marijuana bylaw presentation materials

The Board reviewed Nick's comprehensive first draft of the slide presentation for the informational meeting and provided comments and edits. The Board agreed that an introductory slide addressing the following questions is a good starting point:

- *Why* do we need to regulate,
- *How* can we regulate,
- *What* regulations we've written & our rationale for each one

The review, which included helpful visual aids triggered discussion topics such as whether the Board recommends limits on ME's, modifying the current setback of 200 feet for ME's, rethinking cultivation tier setbacks and reducing or eliminating the 500 foot setback from the school and instead creating a buffer zone around the school from abutting properties. Nick will create additional visuals to assist in this process. The

Board agreed that holding questions until after the slide presentation would ensure the most efficient discussion.

Town Counsel informed the Board that setbacks likely cannot be decided on an ad hoc basis but should be specified in the Bylaw.

The Board will include in their presentation discussion around the option to limit or ban certain licenses and whether to regulate square footage of structures.

The Board will review the Medical Marijuana Bylaw as a template to establish an overlay district for Recreational Marijuana. If it is not an overlay district, current Bylaws do not apply.

Donna and Mary McGurn offered to partner and place an ad in the Shoppers Guide announcing the informational hearing as well as informing citizens through the usual social media platforms. Members of the Board will also share with their contacts and social media groups as well. Hard copies will be distributed to the Post Office and the Egremont Store. The Informational Meeting will inform a Q&A to be shared along with the proposed Bylaw before the Public Hearing.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:22 pm

Next Meeting: 1/20/21 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted by Donna B Gordon, Clerk 1/14/21